

REMARKS

Claims 19 - 21 and 25 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,879,519, to Seeser et al., in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,068,878, to Alwan.

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seeser et al., in view of Alwan, as applied to Claims 19 - 21 and 25, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,958,155, to Kawamura et al.

Claim 23 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seeser et al., in view of Alwan, as applied to Claims 19 - 21 and 25, and further in view of Vossen et al. ("Thin Film Processes", p. 151, 1978), U.S. Patent No. 4,952,295, to Kawabata et al., and U.S. Patent No. 4,437,966, to Hope et al.

Although applicant believes that Claims 19 - 23 and 25 are patentable over the art cited above, applicant has cancelled Claims 19 - 23 and 25 without prejudice (as set forth above) in order to obtain issuance of an enforceable patent as soon as possible. Applicant reserves the right to continue prosecution of Claims 19 - 23 and 25 in a subsequently filed continuation application.

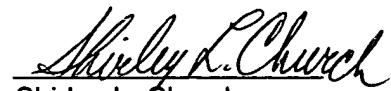
Claims 1, 4, 5, 7 - 17, and 26 are allowed.

All remaining claims in the application have been allowed, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the subject application to allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions or would like to make any suggestions regarding the application, he is invited to contact applicant's attorney at the telephone number provided below.

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